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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo DATE TYPED 2/6/04 HB HM 9

SHORT TITLE Support of Veterans' Oral History Project SB _____

ANALYST Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	NFI				

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)
Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 9 requests support and participation in a veterans' oral history project for New Mexico. Agencies named in the memorial include the Museum of New Mexico, Bataan Memorial Museum and Library, and the NM Veterans' Service Commission.

Significant Issues

New Mexico has always had a very rich and storied military history from Glorieta Pass to the 200th Coast Artillery that survived the Bataan Death March. This history includes New Mexico's Navajo Code Talkers and the Stealth Bomber Squadron that was the first to enter Bagdad.

New Mexico must preserve the personal stories of all of New Mexican heroes in uniform. This memorial encourages the collecting of these stories by our citizens so as to memorialize their heroic deeds.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Department of Cultural Affairs asked the following questions:

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- ❑ what individual or agency will develop and oversee the project, such as concept, content and funding,
- ❑ who will do the interviews for the oral history content,
- ❑ will the medium be audio or video, tape or CD/DVD,
- ❑ transcription of interviews should be a required ingredient of the project,
- ❑ which will be the archival repository, State Records Center and Archives or the Chavez History Library at the Palace of the Governors?

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Santa Fe Living Treasures project in Santa Fe is considered a good example of such an oral history initiative.

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